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**ABSTRACT**

According to the invention, a cleat for sport shoes has a locking pin ~~by means of which the cleat is locked~~ for automatically locking the pin in a receptacle of the sole of the shoe through a spring[[.]], and a release mechanism for moving the spring to a releasing position upon rotation of the cleat for releasing the cleat ~~In the process, the installation of the cleat is performed by hand only whereas the removal is accomplished with the help of a tool that rotates the cleat (Fig. 5).~~